

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Boyd et al. )  
Application No.: 10/667,540 )  
Filed: October 29, 2002 ) Examiner: Pedro Philogene  
DEVICES AND METHODS FOR THE ) Group: 3733  
RESTORATION OF A SPINAL DISC ) Confirmation No.: 9957  
 ) October 6, 2006

**RESPONSE AFTER SECOND OFFICE ACTION**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2006. This response is being filed within the three-month period for response (to and including January 2, 2007), so no fees are believed to be due. However, if an extension of time is required, it is requested that the Commissioner grant such extension. The Commissioner is further authorized to deduct any additional amounts due (excluding the issue fee) or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-0014.